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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Last Spring, your child participated in the state-required Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) to measure the Illinois Learning Standards. Students in grades three through eight were tested in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The assessment was administered online over two sessions and the scores were combined to provide a summative score.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, this year's PARCC scores will set a new baseline and may appear lower than previous state assessments. This is because this test is measuring a higher set of standards. You are receiving a Student Report detailing your child's achievement. As you review the report, keep in mind this is only a snapshot of your child's learning profile.

We analyze these results along with information from our FastBridge tests and local assessments to assist us in making wise programmatic decisions as part of our ongoing school improvement process. Information about the common core learning standards and the PARCC test can be found on our website at [www.mokena159.org](http://www.mokena159.org). Please contact your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions regarding these tests.

Sincerely,

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